

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD  
DISTRICT IV**

January 16, 2001 - 7:00 p.m.  
Stanley/Aley Community School Center, 1749 S. Martinson  
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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Members Present**

Council Member Bill Gale  
Paul Ward  
Tom Kessler  
Iola Crandall  
Wayne Wells  
Ed Koon

**Members Absent**

June Bailey  
Dorman Blake  
Bea Vickers  
Jerry McGinty

**Staff**

Officer Anthony Bamberger, Patrol South  
Officer Richard Mellard, Patrol West  
Cynthia Berner-Harris, Director of Libraries  
Aaron Hamilton, Neighborhood Assistant  
Officer Angie Ressette, Patrol South  
Officer Jon Phelps, Patrol South  
Officer Drew Seiler, Patrol West  
Norm Jakovac, Public Works

**Guests**

Lori Miller, 2484 N. Parkridge  
Phyllis McCabe, 410 S. Knight  
Paul Gray, 5923 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> St. S.  
Mike Kandt, Gossen-Livingston  
Kirk Jurgenson, Gossen-Livingston

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**Call to Order**

**Council Member Bill Gale** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

**Approval of Minutes**

**Council Member Gale** asked if there were any changes to be made to the December 5, 2001 Minutes. No changes were submitted. **Jim Benton** moved to accept minutes. **Paul Ward** gave a second. Minutes were approved 6-0.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Council Member Gale** asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Seeing none, **Paul Ward** moved the agenda be approved and **Tom Kessler** gave a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was approved 6-0.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

*The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the District Advisory board. Each presentation is limited to a period of five (5) minutes unless extended by the Board.*

1. **Simply Neighbors** – **Lori Miller** from SimplyNeighbors.com explained the new site that provides free web pages as a tool to link neighborhoods. Neighborhoods have access to

bulletin boards, a trading post, news, pictures, events and activities. Simply Neighbors puts together the site then trains the public for upkeep.

**Irene Armstrong**, President of Southwest Neighborhood Association, asked for contact information. **Lori Miller** gave herself as the contact person who can be reached at 616-4663 [www.simplyneighbors.com](http://www.simplyneighbors.com).

**Bill Gale** introduced **Laurie Katzenmeier**, Customer Service Clerk for Stanley Neighborhood City Hall and thanked her for attending.

### **Public Works Agenda**

2. **No items were submitted.**

### **Planning Agenda**

3. **No items were submitted.**

### **Board Agenda**

4. **Presentation of the South Regional Library and new fire stations in District IV – Mike Kandt**, of Gossen Livingston Architects presented the elevations and site layouts of the library and fire stations located at 3500 S. Meridian, 1104 S. Meridian, 4444 S. Broadway and the two fire stations located on Coolidge and N. Meridian. The Irving site (station #4) will be a three-bay station with vehicles able to be dispatched from the front and rear. It will have an apparatus bay, offices, and break rooms. EMS and Fire will be housed in the art deco designed fire station.

Station #19 on S. Broadway will also dispatch from the front and rear. This will require the extension of sanitary sewer lines. This is a two-bay station. Artwork will include an illuminated, gray brick scheme because of the commercial nature of the neighborhood.

1104 S. Meridian – The new Regional Branch Library will be located on the back of the property. The fire station will be located near Meridian. The library will be designed so future expansion can take place to the south. As much of the retaining shelter belt will be preserved as possible. Artwork will include a symbolic ladder.

Library – Librarians will be able to see throughout the library from a circular desk and will also be able to monitor the computer area and office areas. There will be a vending area for reading, and study rooms. A masonry, aluminum and metal roof symbolizing a wing will be named for Lionel Alford.

*The following are questions asked by the audience and District Advisory Board members. Answers are in italics.*

**Paul Ward** asked if there would be tornado shelters at the other fire stations besides the 1104 site? *No, the facilities are not big enough for large groups. No Basement? No. The Library has reinforced masonry walls and a reinforced concrete roof to provide protection*

**Jim Benton** asked when is ground breaking? *Hope to have bids in within two weeks and move in March 2003.*

**Officer Angie Ressette** asked if the two-bay stations are fire only? *EMS will also be at these locations. All stations will be able to accommodate ladder trucks, but not all will have ladder trucks. Norm Jakovac noted First Responders will always go first.*

**Paul Gray** voiced concerns about congestion with YMCA, Library and fire station all being right next to each other? *Trucks will have a single lane road for access, however, trucks can go over median to get out. There is currently a curbed median, but the curb will be removed.*

**Tom Kessler** asked if there would be signals at other two fire stations? *No, but they may be in the future. It is up to the Traffic Department to decide that. Jakovac said the Fire Department is currently working with Public Works on that matter. It is not feasible, but others may be.*

**Officer Drew Seiler** noted juvenile vandalism is a problem in that area. He would like to sit on any committees concerning the area. He is concerned about accidents or a tragedy at the YMCA and being able to access it. **Kandt** welcomed thoughts on safety. *He noted that the area is saddled with a large ditch. They did look at installing other drives.*

**Irene Armstrong** asked how many parking spaces will be at the Library? *85.*

**Benton** asked if there were originally two layouts? *Yes, this layout was chosen to improve response time, and it was the best cost.*

**Ressette** asked how wide is the median? *Two feet. Trucks are nine feet wide. They are looking at potentially widening the median.*

**Officer Richard Mellard** asked if curbs would be drive over as well? *Yes and no. Kandt said expectations are that the building can expand in the future.*

**Bill Gale** voiced his excitement that the projects are taking place. He hopes bids and construction move right along. He agrees this facility will be well used. Thanks for coming out.

5. **South Wichita – Haysville plan update-** **Tonia Fairbanks**, MAPD, gave an update on the status of the South Wichita-Haysville plan. The plan will go to the Planning Commission February 21<sup>st</sup>. The plans boundaries run from MacArthur on the north, 71<sup>st</sup> Street on the south, Meridian Street on the west, and the Arkansas River on the east. A group was organized in 1999 after a tornado destroyed or damaged a large part of this area.

Eight priorities were identified:

- a. Infrastructure

- b. Image and Community Relationship
- c. Property Maintenance
- d. Housing
- e. Services
- f. Existing and Future Community and Retail Development
- g. Parks and Recreation
- h. Education and Schools

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**Jim Benton** asked what was planned for the area West of Meridian? *It does not fall into the boundaries of the plan.*

**Paul Gray** asked what kind of medical facilities they are looking to place in the area? *Minor Emergency, Dr's offices.*

**Jim Benton** asked if they are they looking at extending 47<sup>th</sup>? *It is in the CIP for four lanes in 2002-2005. Broadway also in there.*

**Bill Gale** noted 47<sup>th</sup> and S. Broadway is right next to the turnpike, so it could be a draw from out of town. Carlos O Kellys and Applebee's are the most successful branches of their respective businesss in Wichita.

**Officer Angie Ressette** asked when will work will begin on 47<sup>th</sup> and I-35? *KDOT is doing a study. Fairbanks didn't know where KDOT is at in the process.*

**Bill Gale** asked if an independent firm is doing the study for KDOT? *Yes consultants.*

**Paul Ward** asked about the proposed shopping mall for 47<sup>th</sup> and turnpike? **Bill Gale** said *it is still on the docket but they are securing tenants.*

**Wells-** Commended South Wichita and Haysville community and fully supports plan. Meeting still? **Not officially but could.** Week after council approved Delalno plan, neighborhood cleaned up. Peer pressure helped them out. Tell group to be patient.

**Phyllis McCabe** asked if anyone is lobbying to get a theater? *Not sure it was discussed.*

She also explained Area Plans vs. Neighborhood Plans. Neighborhood Plans are more specific in terms of design and zoning. Area Plans are more comprehensive in nature.

### **Announcements**

This is a time for members to make announcements of any projects their neighborhoods may be working on or has completed since the last meeting.

**Iola Crandall** announced Sunflower Neighborhood Association will be meeting tomorrow night and again on February 7, 2002. On April 5, 2002, 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Lawrence Elementary will do a neighborhood clean up. Sunflower's March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be on recycling. The April meeting is about crippled children.

**Jim Benton** had no report.

**Ed Koon** met with the Grants Review Committee today. The public hearing on February 5, 2002 will be at 6:00. February 13, the committee meets and makes final recommendations to be followed the next week by City Council approval.

**Paul Ward** reported on the Southwest Neighborhood Association Christmas dinner. January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 at St Anne's is their next meeting. A presentation on the crime lab will take place. They are holding their annual South Seneca Parade April 20, 2002. There will be a DAB float so please mark your calendars to ride along. The Brigadier General of the Kansas Air National Guard will be the Grand Marshall. Flags will be on display.

**Wayne Wells** reported Delano's next neighborhood association will be about fraud/scams. The Director of Teen Challenge homes will be going in with a staff of 5 with 10 clients. The state approved not for profit status according to **Ray Rancuret**, Delano Neighborhood Association President, which should allow them to go after grants in June, 2002. The urban village has five developers currently working with **Rancuret**. Three of them are from Wichita with the other two being in-state developers. The McCormick Neighborhood Association will be having a February meeting where they will be discussing starting a neighborhood plan.

**Tom Kessler** had noting to report.

**Officer Angie** – Working with Tony B. and Irene, parade, cruisers gone.

**Officer Scott Marshall** has been on special assignment so he is still catching up on neighborhood complaints.

**Officer Seiler** has been dealing with minor thefts and vandalism around the South Branch YMCA. We are going to begin posting his weekly Beat 17 update at Stanley Neighborhood City Hall and he will be distributing it via email to DAB members.

**Sgt. Don Phelps** took over traffic in the south part of town. Accidents are down after giving out several tickets on Kellogg and on Seneca. The State of Kansas gave the Police Department extra funds, which are to be used to target areas and enforce traffic laws in those areas. There will be a "Childs Safety Fair" at Wesley February 9-15, 2002 with proper child safety seats as the main focus. If you have areas of complaints call Patrol South. He is working on obtaining permits for the South Seneca parade. Enterprise, South High, Kelly, Wells, and Richenstein are all traffic areas that have been targeted. They will be targeting DUI's Labor Day weekend. Police will be using LIDAR (lasers) on Kellogg.

It was reported the Southwest Village Neighborhood Association meeting was attended by USD 259 School Board Member **Chip Gramke**. **Gramke** mentioned that Enterprise School is to be replaced.

**Aaron Hamilton** reported the DAB will be having a float in the South Seneca Parade sponsored by the Southwest Neighborhood Association. Use of Stanley Neighborhood City Hall has steadily increased particularly in the areas of computer use and overall awareness that the center is available.

**Gale** updated the board on the rail corridor. It is in the CIP but they are still getting funds lined up. Costs went up so the City Council is working that into CIP. He is hopeful Pawnee will be at the front of the line which ties into street expansion and improvement. The floodway is still in process. The street maintenance program, which accounts for \$5.5 million annually was approved by the Council. 56% of this is spent on arterials. One maintenance crew is dedicated to each Council district divided equally among districts. 44% goes into residential streets (40 miles of streets). A zoning application has been submitted by Dillon's in District IV.

Adjourn 8:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Aaron Hamilton